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MISSION LA BAHIA, NEAR GOLIAD, TEXAS, BUILT IN 1749

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Mission La Bahia, a few miles from Goliad, will ever remain a shrine of all Texans. The mission, pictured above, was built in 1749 and formed the nucleus of the settlement of Goliad, one of the three Spanish outposts in Texas at that time, the other two being Nacogdoches and Bexar, now San Antonio. Here in 1812, Magee gave Salcedo, Mexican General, his first taste of Anglo-Saxon war tactics, and here Col. J. W. Fannin and his men surrendered honorably to Urrea, only to be slaughtered like dogs within sight of this mission. The massacre took place on March 27, Palm Sunday, 1836, and of 357 Texans in that doomed band, only 27 escaped with their lives. Mission La Bahia is still used for worship today.

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